



Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting Minutes June 8, 2017

Members Present: Patricia McCambridge (Chair), Thomas Sledge (Vice Chair), Venetta Stephens, Edd Conner, David Schleeper, Melissa Kemple

Staff/Others Present: Senior Planner Alexis Baker and Assistant City Attorney Meredith Jacobi

The official meeting was called to order at 5:05 by the Chair.

Ms. Stephens made a motion to approve the May 11, 2017 minutes as written. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The HPC brought Sheila Arnold to speak at the Greenbrier Library on the Underground Railroad on May 31st. She was very engaging and brought additional traffic to the facebook page. Children, attending the event, were interested in making youtube videos on historical subjects. Ms. Arnold could be invited back for the Heritage Festival or the Dismal Swamp Art Show.

Since there is no longer a high school standard of learning for social studies, students could be engaged with historic projects or contests created by HPC, such as interviews with veterans or older residents.

Bear Quarters was discussed. The HPC still requires more information on boundaries and time frame of the community's formal existence. Mr. Schleeper is working to better document Beechwood. This could help with the possibility of individual listing on the state and national historic registers.

It was suggested that a system of plaques and signs should be used to denote historic communities. Additionally, information could be stored in the Wallace Room on a computer with files related to historic communities. African-American communities should especially be noted.

The City Code changes related to the Historic Preservation Commission will be heard by City Council on June 27, 2017.

Elections were held.

A motion was made by Ms. Stephens to elect Ms. Baker for Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schleeper. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Stephens to elect Ms. McCambridge for Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Sledge to elect Mr. Sledge for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schleeper. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Schleeper to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stephens. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.